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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

*Supplemental*  
**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/713,099

Examiner

JAGDISH PATEL

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Communication filed 11/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 18-22
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                            | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                        | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>11/7/06</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                  | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|                                                                                                                             | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.                                               |

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*supplemental*  
**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is in response to IDS filed Nov. 17, 2006 and is supplemental to the Notice of Allowance mailed 10/02/06.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11/17/06 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 10/02/06. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

***Reasons for Allowance***

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

*1-7 and 18-22*  
The inventions of claims <sup>1</sup> pertain to system for restricting access to an e-commerce network.

The following prior art references have been deemed most relevant to the allowed claim(s):

Sabal (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0037383) teaches a system and method for providing the Internet access to a user. The series of steps surrounding the credit validation billing process (numerals 180 and 630) do not differ materially from a standard credit card purchase transaction. There is no teaching or suggestion whereby the Sabal process employs the user's credit rating as a qualification- only the user's credit card. Instead, Sabal teaches the

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following: "room number, terminal number, service type, service period, credit card number and/or credit card expiration date information"

The prior art reference teaches the use of remote sites, such as banking institutions and credit bureaus, these sites are used to validate credit and/or debit cards. Sabal does not disclose or suggest a qualification verification device that verifies a user qualification based on the user's rating (see Independent claims 1 and 7).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

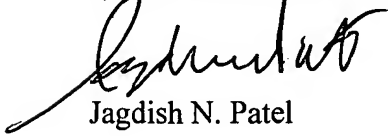
#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGDISH PATEL whose telephone number is (571) 272-6748. The examiner can normally be reached on 800AM-600PM M-Tu and Th. On Fridays the examiner can be reached at (301) 455-0510.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammel can be reached on (571)272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 517-273-8300.

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